

109TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1400

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 12, 2005

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## AN ACT

To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties for aiming laser pointers at airplanes, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Securing Aircraft  
3 Cockpits Against Lasers Act of 2005”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION AGAINST AIMING A LASER POINTER**  
5 **AT AN AIRCRAFT.**

6       (a) OFFENSE.—Chapter 2 of title 18, United States  
7 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

8 **“§ 39. Aiming a laser pointer at an aircraft**

9       “(a) Whoever knowingly aims the beam of a laser  
10 pointer at an aircraft in the special aircraft jurisdiction  
11 of the United States, or at the flight path of such an air-  
12 craft, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not  
13 more than 5 years, or both.

14       “(b) As used in this section, the term ‘laser pointer’  
15 means any device designed or used to amplify electro-  
16 magnetic radiation by stimulated emission that emits a  
17 beam designed to be used by the operator as a pointer  
18 or highlighter to indicate, mark, or identify a specific posi-  
19 tion, place, item, or object.”.

20       (b) AMENDMENT TO TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The  
21 table of sections at the beginning of chapter 2 of title 18,

- 1 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
- 2 following new item:

“39. Aiming a laser pointer at an aircraft.”.

Passed the House of Representatives December 8,  
2005.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,  
*Clerk.*